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In re Application of:

Edward A. Hubbard

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DATA SHARING AND FILE DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND ASSOCIATED DISTRIBUTED

PROCESSING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 27, 2003 and having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004, and extended by a one month extension to February 27, 2004, by the petition and fee filed herewith, please consider the new claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any item referred to as being enclosed herewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 20, 2004.

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